

Lady Eagles roll over St. Francis

By Tracy Rogers

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Colby High School's Lady Eagles were in control of Tuesday's game before visiting St. Francis Indians could get on the scoreboard. Colby dominated St. Francis 67-15.

Eagle Lissa Mazanec hit her first two shots followed by a basket each from Jessica Stephens and Zanae Baird. Colby held a double digit lead after the first quarter, 18-6.

Colby then turned up the pressure in the second quarter. The Eagles again scored the quarter's first eight points before St. Francis got a shot to fall at the 3:52 mark. Then it was all Colby, getting 14 points in the final 3 1/2 minutes to go into half-

time with a 40-8 halftime lead.

The Eagles shot a blistering 87 percent from the field in the first 16 minutes, missing only three shots. St. Francis shot 21 percent.

Colby's shooting cooled a bit in the second half, but the girls made up for it by applying pressure defense that resulted in 22 steals for the game. St. Francis was outscored 16-5 in the third quarter number.

A continuous clock in the fourth quarter kept the scoring down for Colby, but they also held the Indians to a lone basket with two minutes left.

"I thought the girls played a great game defensively and ended our pre-Christmas schedule on a high note," said Colby coach Derek

Bissitt. "We are getting better every game out."

Leading the scoring for Colby was Mazanec with 26, followed by freshman Paige Stephens with 12.

Rishonna Martin was close behind with eight.

Tasha Wagoner and Ashley Barnes each had six. Jessica Stephens scored four, Zanae Baird three, and Taylor Young's two points rounded out the scoring. Colby outrebounded St. Francis 29-13, Paige Stephens led the way with nine. Barnes pulled down seven and Mazanec five.

Colby (5-1) returns to action after the holiday break Tuesday, Jan. 3 against Hays-Thomas More Prep Lady Monarchs.

Colby boys lose nail-biter to Indians

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Missed opportunities in the waning seconds Tuesday denied the Colby Eagles boys basketball team its first win of the season. St. Francis edged out Colby 58-56.

With Colby trailing 57-56 with seconds remaining, the Eagles fouled St. Francis' Levi Weeden who went to the line for two shots. He missed both free throws and the Eagles regained possession.

Colby's Trey Barnett couldn't get a shot to fall and Weeden was fouled again with six seconds remaining. He again missed both free throws and Colby had one more chance.

After a Colby timeout, Trevor Siebert took the inbound pass and drove the court but got called for traveling when he tried to split two Indian defenders.

Weeden was fouled on St. Francis' ensuing possession and made one of two free throws to make the score 58-56 with 1 second left. Trevor Siebert's half court heave came up short at the final buzzer.

"We had some young guys step up tonight and do a good job. I was

proud of the fight the guys showed the second half," said Colby coach Derek Bissitt.

St. Francis jumped out to a seven point lead before R.J. Ladenburger got Colby on the board with 3:45 left in the first quarter.

Trey Barnett, who led the Eagles in scoring with 24 points.

Freshman Stephen Dinkel came in and provided some quality playing time contributing five points in the second quarter as the Eagles could get no closer than two points.

St. Francis got another buzzer beater shot by Hawkins to go into the break, up 34-26.

Both teams traded baskets in the third quarter with Barnett and Dinkel doing most of the scoring for Colby. St. Francis outscored the Eagles 14-12 in the quarter to increase their lead to 10 at the start of the fourth quarter.

Colby was a perfect 8-8 on their free throws in the fourth quarter, while St. Francis struggled at the line going 2 for 10. That allowed Colby to creep back into the game.

Barnett hit a shot with 1:29 left to get Colby within five at 57-52. Then a foul put Weeden on the line

for a one and one attempt. He missed the front end of the one-and-one and the Eagles grabbed the rebound.

Ladenburger made two free throws with 53 seconds left to close the gap to three. Colby then fouled McAtee who also missed the front end of a one-and-one. Barnett hit a shot with 25 seconds left to get within one.

Colby outrebounded St. Francis 24-21, had more steals, 15-11; and fewer turnovers, 11 to 16.

The Eagles are now 0-6 going into the Christmas break. Colby's next game is Jan. 3 against Hays-Thomas More Prep.

St. Francis 16 18 14 10 — 58
Colby 11 15 12 18 — 56

St. Francis: Hawkins 4-4 0-0 10, T. Crabtree 1-2 2-2 4, A. McAtee 2-2 0-1 4, M. Frewen 0-1 0-0 0, J. McAtee 8-13 2-4 18, Weeden 4-5 2-9 10, Owens 0-0 2-2 2, Peter 5-8 0-0 10. **Tals** 24-35 8-18 58.

Colby: Stover 3-6 0-0 6, Siebert 2-7 2-2 7, Barnett 8-17 7-9 24, Dinkel 4-7 1-2 9, Ladenburger 3-6 2-2 8, Howard 1-3 0-0 2, Rohr 0-1 0-0 0. **Tals** 21-47 12-15 56.

Lady Crusaders win over Educators

The Heartland Christian School Lady Crusader basketball team improved to 2-4 with a 44-32 win over the Christian Family Educators, a local home school team, at the Colby Community Building Satur-

day.

Brittany Sowers led the scoring with 16 points. She also led the team in rebounds with five.

Ariel Regier had six points and a board.

Rachel Myers had five points and added another rebound.

Danyelle Mazanec, Mysti Rothfuss and Randi Donley had four points each. Rothfuss had two rebounds, Donley had one and a steal and Mazanec added a steal.

Mary Beth Myers had three points and a steal, Kasey Donley had two points, two boards and two steals and Cheyanne Sowers had a steal.

The Lady Crusaders are off until Jan. 10 when they play in a tournament in McCook, Neb.

AP Briefs

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Yankees grabbed center fielder Johnny Damon away from the rival Boston Red Sox, reaching a preliminary agreement on a \$52 million, four-year contract.

Details of the deal were still being negotiated and Damon must pass a physical, a baseball official said on condition of anonymity because negotiations were not yet final.

Damon fills a double void for the Yankees, giving them a speedy center fielder and a leadoff hitter to top a potent lineup.

Damon, who turned 32 last month, led Boston with a .316 batting average.

New York also reached a preliminary agreement with reliever Octavio Dotel on a \$2 million, one-year contract.

PRO FOOTBALL

CINCINNATI (AP) — Bengals receiver Chad Johnson suggested he has a special touchdown celebration planned for Cincinnati's game on Christmas Eve — one that will top his Riverdance, his end zone putt and his sideline proposal from

Mississippi wins New Orleans Bowl

LAFAYETTE, La. (AP) — Southern Mississippi's win in the New Orleans Bowl was a lot like the rest of the Golden Eagles' season — a struggle.

Shawn Nelson caught two second-half touchdowns, and Cody Hull added 161 yards rushing to lead Southern Mississippi over Arkansas State 31-19 Tuesday night in the first of the season's 28 bowl games.

Southern Miss endured plenty of turmoil long before arriving in Lafayette, where the New Orleans Bowl was moved because of Hurricane Katrina.

The Golden Eagles had two games postponed in September because of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, had to relocate temporarily to Memphis and played nine games in nine weeks to end the regular season.



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Colby High School Lady Eagle Lissa Mazanec looked for a teammate while defending against St. Francis' Alecia Zimbelman Tuesday at the Colby Community Building. The game was the Eagles' last before Christmas break. The next action for the Eagles will be against Hays-TMP Tuesday, Jan. 3.

SportsLine

Eagles at home Jan. 3

The Colby High School Eagles will play at home against Hays TMP on Tuesday, Jan. 3. "C" team and junior varsity game start at 4:30 p.m.

The varsity girls game will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Colby Community Building, with the boys varsity game following immediately after.

Eagle wrestlers on the road Jan. 5

The Colby High School Eagle wrestlers will travel to Goodland Thursday, Jan. 5 for a match. Action starts at 6:30 p.m. Basketball at Goodland Jan. 6

The Colby High School basketball teams will be on the road at Goodland Friday, Jan. 6.

"C" team and junior varsity game start at 4:45 p.m.

The varsity girls will play at 6:30 p.m. and the boys will play after.

Tournament planned

The 15th annual "MAC Attack" youth basketball tournament will be held in McCook, Neb. the weekend of Jan. 21 and 22.

Sponsored by the McCook Optimist club, the event is open to boys and girls in grades fourth through eight.

Deadline for entering is Monday,

Jan. 9. Entry forms are available online at www.geocities.com/macattackbb. Completed forms should be returned to McCook Optimist Club, 402 Park Ave., McCook, Neb. 69001.

For information, contact Greg Larson at (308) 345-5185.

Camp info available

Applications are being accepted and evaluated for the Ten Star All Star summer basketball camp. The camp is by invitation-only and boys and girls from 10- to 19-years-old are eligible to apply. Camp location for the area will be Sterling, Colo. For information, call (704) 373-0873.

League Bowling Results

December 13 - Pinbusters League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Colby Bowl	1882	106	1
Cummins-Mid-America	177	117	2
Colby Automotive	155	139	3
United Commercial Travelers	154	140	4
Twisters	152	142	5
Pepsi Cola	149	145	6
Donelan Jewelry	140	154	7
Cox Communications	139	155	8
Bye Bye Birdies	80	214	9

First high Individual game: Brent Menges, 268
First high Individual Series: Brent Menges, 719

December 14 - Ladies Nite Out

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Bottle Gallery	38	22	1
Don's Electric	37	23	2
Camouflage Lawn Care	36.5	23.5	3
Straight Line	36	24	4
Lobo Liquor	32	28	5
Strike-Outs	30	30	6
Twisters	29	31	7
Sunflower Bank	28.5	31.5	8
Who-No's?	26	34	9

First high Individual game: Tanya Schwarz, 185
First high Individual series: Mary Hurtt, 513

December 14 - Powderpuff League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Golden Harvest Seed	34.5	25.5	1
Service Oil	30	30	2
Farm Credit	28	32	3
Weiser	27.5	32.5	4

First high Individual game: Monica Miller, 199
First high Individual series: Monica Miller, 559

December 15 - King Pin League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
www.visitcolby.com	153	99	1
Warks Embroidery	150	102	2
Orschelns	139	113	3
Colby Automotive	128	124	4
Thunderballs	123	129	5
Colby Bowl & Fun Center	108	144	6
5 Pony Men	107	145	7
T - J's Tire	100	152	8

First high Individual game: Matt Cheney, 245
First high Individual series: Matt Cheney, 643

December 16 - Ten Pin League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Comfort Inn	21	3	1
Hurtt Enterprises	16	8	2

Satan Haters	15	9	3
Classic Trojans	14	10	4
Cal Williams	13	11	5
KNEA/S.P.	11	13	6
Colby Bowl	6	18	7
JJ Tools	0	24	8

First high Individual game: Rebecca Koel, 220
First high Individual series: Monica Miller, 536

December 18 - King & Queen

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Phillips - Finlay	24	8	1
Brewer - Schwanke	22	10	2
Barton - Kreutzer	20	12	3
Sturdy - Branum	18	14	4
Moeder - Lee	15	17	5
Kern - Wark	13	19	6
Norman - Griffin	9	23	7
Schissler - Koehn	7	25	8

Men's First high Individual game: Vern Schwanke, 239
Men's First high Individual series: Aaron Rondeau, 617
Women's First high Individual game: Mandy Kreutzer, 194
Women's First high Individual series: Mandy Kreutzer, 532

December 12 - First Nighters League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Discount Repair of Oakley	157	95	1
Montana Mikes	148	104	2
Colby Implement	137	115	3
N.W. Fire Extinguisher	127	125	4
C.C.C. Boys	123	129	5
Wooffer Well & Pump	120	132	6
Schlick Construction	117	135	7
Frontier Equity	116	136	8
Warrior Hunting Supply	110	142	9
Grinnell Furniture	105	147	10

First high Men Individual game: Gordon Berry, 265
First high Men Individual series: Gordon Berry, 625

First high Women Individual game: Linda Liester, 208
First high Women Individual series: Linda Liester, 514

December 13 - Early Bird Ladies League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Bowlerettes	40.5	15.5	1
www.strike	32.5	23.5	2
Van's Merry Four	28	28	3
NW Vacuum	27	29	4
Jean's Rollers	20	36	5
4 4 Fun	20	36	6

First high Individual game: Bev Biel, 175
First high Individual series: Cathy Wieland, 460

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